

The weekly newsletter from the Botany Department at Trinity College Dublin

News & Publications

▪ A warm welcome to **Laura Russo** and **Patrick Lansley**!

Laura is a new Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow from the USA, working in Trinity with **Jane Stout** (Botany) and **Yvonne Buckley** (Zoology) on the effects of fertilisation on the structure of mutualistic plant-pollinator communities. Laura will be based in the Watts Building.

Patrick is the new E3 Research Projects Officer shared between the School of Natural Sciences and the School of Engineering. He is based in the Museum Building.

▪ **Dr. David Simson**, a visiting research fellow of the Department has recently published a paper in *Blumea* 62: 47-52 that recognises a new species of *Fimbristylis* from Thailand. [Blumea is open-access; click on the picture on the right to access the article.]



Postgraduate Symposium

6th Annual Botany-Zoology
Postgraduate Symposium
2nd March 2017



The 6th Botany - Zoology Postgraduate Symposium was a real success last Thursday. Keynote speakers **Dr James LaCourse** and **Dr Zenobia Lewis**, after delivering truly inspiring talks, both praised the incredibly high quality of the presentations made by postgraduates throughout the day.



Dr James LaCourse shared his experience navigating through a career in academia. He showed how keeping an open mind and being flexible can lead to a successful and fulfilling career path.



The day started pleasantly with a nice breakfast, and regular coffee breaks between the postgraduate talks gave the students and the audience time to exchange about the wide variety of subjects presented during the symposium.



Dr Zenobia Lewis talked about the different obstacles she encountered during her career and the importance of surrounding oneself with mentors and friends to overcome them.

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Gran Canaria fieldcourse

And to finish this newsletter on a sunny note, some photos from the 2017 Gran Canaria fieldcourse:



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